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1. SUMMARY: THE UAE'S DECISION TO WAIVE MOST OF IRAQ'S DEBTS
RECEIVED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN BOTH ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA.

AN "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIAL NOTED THAT THIS DECISION COULD BE EXPECTED FROM A GOVERNMENT SUCH AS THE UAE'S, WITH ITS "NATIONAL AND HUMANE FEELINGS OF DUTY" TOWARDS THE IRAQI PEOPLE. ANOTHER EDITORIAL IN "GULF NEWS" PRAISED THE DECISION AND CONSIDERED IT TO BE A MODEL FOR OTHER GULF COUNTRIES' DECISION TO DO THE SAME. END SUMMARY.

12. NOTING THAT THE UAE'S DECISION TO CANCEL MOST OF THE IRAQI DEBT IS SOMETHING THAT WAS EXPECTED, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 01/22:

". THE UAE'S INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF THE IRAQI DEBT IS NOT ONLY PART OF ITS DEEP BELIEF IN ITS NATIONAL AND HUMANE DUTY TOWARDS THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ, BUT ALSO A MODEL AND MOTIVE FOR ALL ARAB AND MUSLIM COUNTRIES AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD TO HELP IRAQ RECOVER FROM ALL THE CRISIS THAT ITS PEOPLE WENT THROUGH DURING THE PREVIOUS YEARS."

13. PRAISING THE UAE'S DECISION TO WAIVE MOST OF THE IRAQI DEBT, EXPATRIATE-ORIENTED ENGLISH DAILY GULF NEWS EDITORIALIZED 1/26:

". THIS INVOLVES NOT ONLY GIVING IRAQI CITIZENS AN OPPORTUNITY TO START WITH A 'CLEAN SLATE' BUT ALSO ACCEPTING THAT, AS A FELLOW ARAB NATION, ARABS SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED. AND IRAQ IS A COUNTRY DESPERATELY IN NEED OF MUCH HELP. IT IS HOPED THE GULF NATIONS SEE THE ADVANTAGE OF WAIVING THE DEBT OWED TO THEM BY IRAQ, NOT ONLY AS A SHORT-TERM GAIN IN ASSISTING IN IRAQ'S RESTRUCTURING PROCESS, BUT A LONG TERM GAIN AS IRAQ IS ACCEPTED MORE CLOSELY INTO THE BROTHERHOOD OF ARAB NATIONS."

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